

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10 and ending at page 4, line 9 as follows:

The In one aspect, the present invention provides a method of managing ideas, comprising the steps of:

(a) maintaining a computer database for accumulating ideas for prospectively patentable inventions, wherein said ideas include needs and requirements of said inventions; and

(b) systematically establishing contractual obligations by contributors of said ideas to the database to transfer property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas, ~~wherein said transfer is for;~~ and

(c) providing contingent economic gain to said contractually obligated contributors.

After the preceding paragraph, insert a new paragraph, as follows:

In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of managing ideas, comprising the steps of:

(a) maintaining a computer database for accumulating ideas for prospectively patentable inventions; and

(b) providing contingent economic gain to contributors of said ideas accumulated in the database.